I108. LATENT TUBERCULOSIS: MYTH OR REALITY?
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Biological agents can be highly efficacious in the treatment of various inflammatory rheumatic diseases; however, their use is associated with an increased risk of developing active tuberculosis (TB). The talk will focus on latent TB in the context of immunosuppression caused by biological agents. The presentation will discuss the pathology and epidemiology of latent TB. I will also describe the prevalence and risk of developing active tuberculosis in those with latent TB. Different screening algorithms and tests will be examined. Finally evidence behind screening and chemoprophylaxis will be presented.

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